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Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY 2020-010008 and LOCAL NUMBER NPS-2020-026)

Dear Mr.Ravnitzky:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), assigned tracking number DON-Navy-2020-010008 and Local Number NPS-2020-026, dated July 16, 2020, for information pertaining to Professor Michael Melich's PowerPoint presentation dated 12 December 2006 titled "Is Transmutation Nuclear (Molecular) Physics?"

The following document is provided, with redactions, pursuant to exemption (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC § 552, which protects the release of an individual's personal private information.

In accordance with U.S. Navy policy, there are no fees associated with this request.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. If you have any questions, please contact me at stephen.murray@nps.edu, 831-756-7612.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following information in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request; and
- a copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide me with a copy of your appeal letter at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Naval Postgraduate School, Herrmann Hall, Room 127D, Monterey, CA 93943.

There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for

"FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Alternatively, it may be sent to the Department of the Navy General Counsel if appropriate (the Office of the General Counsel generally handles issues outside of those of the uniformed service). That address is as follows:

Department of the Navy,
Office of the General Counsel
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at elaine.macdonald@nps.edu, 831-756-7612. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703)697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,



S. A. MURRAY
By Direction